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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 5/6/2004.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 8, 9, 12, and 16-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Audebert (US 6,694,436) in view of Simonds (US 2002/0023027, cited by applicant).

Re claims 1, 6, 7, 18: Audebert teaches a method of authenticating a transaction comprising a microcircuit card interface (6) serving as a card reader unit connected to a terminal (1) serving as a device wherein the terminal having a display (4) and a keyboard (5), requesting for signature and prompting user to enter his/her PIN code using the terminal wherein such requesting/prompting procedure serves as initiating a transaction request, transmitting the transaction to a server (S) wherein such transmitting means serves as a means for communicating to a third party, the terminal also includes memories (2b, 2c, 3b, 3c, and 3d) for storing transaction data therein (see figs. 3-9; col. 14, line 19- col. 22, line 28).

However, Simonds fails to particularly teach or fairly suggest that the authenticating a transaction comprises a step of receiving a signal to authenticate the transaction at the device or terminal and the signal is high contrast optical signal.

Simonds teaches that the mobile terminal (33) retrieve the barcodes image from the server for displaying on the display of the mobile terminal as proof of the purchase wherein the retrieved barcode image serves as a high-contrast optical signal to be authenticated/verified (see figs. 1-3; paragraphs 0021-0042).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teachings of Simonds to the teachings of Audebert in order to verify the purchasing of goods/services by reading the barcode images displayed on the display device for enabling transaction therewith. Moreover, such modification (i.e., a memory for storing a session constituting transaction request and authentication signal) would have been a well known in the art at the time the invention was made to complete the particular transaction using the transaction request and result of the transaction request (e.g., the retrieved barcode images)

Re claim 2: The terminal (1) of Audebert comprises a reader (6) for reading information from a card (31) such as integrated circuit card or smart card,

Re claims 4 and 5: The terminal (1) can take various forms such as PC including a PDA and a telephone (see col. 26, lines 62- col. 27, line 23),

Re claims 8 and 9: The terminal (1) also equips with a DTMF interface (9) for transmitting data (col. 14, lines 49-55),

Re claim 12: The terminal requests the purchaser to input the PIN number via the keypad (5) of the terminal (col. 21, lines 441-56),

Re claims 16 and 17: The signed transactions for conducting transactions are encrypted using the RSA or DSA type asymmetric algorithms wherein the such

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algorithms are well known in the art for having a public key and a private key or an identity based cryptography (col. 15, lines 56-col. 16, line 2; col. 21, line 41- col. 22, line 12),

3. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Audebert as modified by Simonds as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Norton (US 6,572,015).

The teachings of Audebert/Simonds have been discussed above.

Although, Audebert/Simonds teaches a portable terminal comprises a card reader, they fails to teach or fairly suggest that the card reader is capable of reading an optical card.

However, Norton teaches a smart card reader (42) wherein the card reader can read various type of smart cards including a contactless smart card (10), an optical smart card (70), and etc. (see fig. 6b; col. 11, line 5- col. 12, line 40).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teachings of Norton to the teachings of Audebert/Simonds in order to provide an alternative method of conducting transactions using the optical smart card in addition to use of the contactless smart card.

4. Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Audebert as modified by Simonds as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Barnes et al. (US 5,465,386, cited by applicant)(hereinafter referred to as 'Barnes').

The teachings of Audebert/Simonds have been discussed above.

Although, Audebert/Simonds teaches a portable terminal can communicate using DTMF signal via the DTMF interface, they fails to teach or fairly suggest that the DTMF signal is an audio frequency keying signal.

However, Barnes teaches a mobile communication system for communicating using AFSK signal (see Figs. 8-11; Abstract; col. 23, lines 7-27).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teachings of Barnes to the teachings of Audebert/Simonds in order to provide an alternative method for transmitting data/information using the well known method such as ASKF instead of a frequency keying signal.

5. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Audebert as modified by Simonds as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Zele et al. (US 5,734,975, cited by applicant)(hereinafter referred to as 'Zele').

The teachings of Audebert/Simonds have been discussed above.

Although, Audebert/Simonds teaches a portable terminal can communicate using DTMF signal via the DTMF interface, he fails to teach or fairly suggest that the DTMF signal is a PL signal.

However, Zele teaches that a portable radio receiver comprises a privacy feature known as private line (PL) (see col. 1, lines 11-18).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teachings of Zele to the teachings of Audebert/Simonds in order to provide an improved and an enhanced system for only activating the portable card reader for initiating transaction when the reader received particular signal.

6. Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Audebert as modified by Simonds as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Chesarek (US 4,386,266, cited by applicant)

The teachings of Audebert/Simonds have been discussed above.

Although, Audebert/Simonds teaches a portable terminal for reading information from keyboard, he fails to teach or fairly suggest that the terminating of the operation if a PIN entry is attempted more than predetermined number of times.

However, Chesarek teaches to terminate the transaction after predetermined number of tries to enter the PIN number (114) (see Fig. 9; col. 9, lines 47-64).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teachings of Chesarek to the teachings of Audebert/Simonds in order to provide an additional security means for allowing user(s) to enter PIN number predetermined number of times to prevent unlimited number of tries to enter PIN number. Moreover, such modification would provide an improved customer service since the terminal can be released to the other customers for accessing the data/information using the terminal.

7. Claims 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Audebert as modified by Simonds as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Zhou et al. (US 5,796,858, cited by applicant)(hereinafter referred to as 'Zhou').

The teachings of Audebert/Simonds have been discussed above.

Although, Audebert/Simonds teaches a portable terminal having the card reader, he fail to teach that the card reader comprises a biometric input device.

However, Zhou teaches a cellular phone comprises a fingerprint sensing system (see Figs. 1-9; col. 7, line 53+).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teaching of Zhou to the teachings of Audebert/Simonds in order to provide an additional security for authenticating the user(s) with fingerprint during transactions such as downloading application and/or making payment for products.

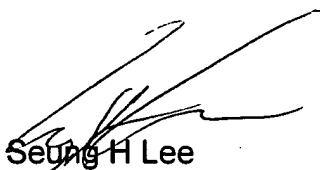
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Seung H. Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-2401. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM- 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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